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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims:

--10. (NEW) A method for detecting an endocrine disruptor, characterized in which the method comprises measuring the expression of the gene detected by the method according to claim 2.

11. (NEW) The method according to claim 10, wherein the endocrine disruptor is selected from ones classified into:

- (1) dioxins;
- (2) organochlorine compounds;
- (3) phenols;
- (4) phthalate esters;
- (5) aromatic hydrocarbons;

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